

# deBriefings

## MI6 AND THE PRINCESS OF WALES

by Richard Tomlinson © 1999

**B**elow is a sworn and testified statement that I have made on 12 May 1999 to the enquiry into the deaths of the Princess of Wales, Dodi Al Fayed and Henri Paul.

I firmly believe that MI6 have information in their files that would assist Judge Stephan's enquiry. Why don't they yield up this information? They should not be entitled to use the Official Secrets Act to protect themselves from investigation into the deaths of three people, particularly in the case of an incident of this magnitude and historical importance.

I, Richard John Charles Tomlinson, former MI6 officer, of Geneva, Switzerland, hereby declare:

1. I firmly believe that there exist documents held by the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) that would yield important new evidence into the cause and circumstances leading to the deaths of the Princess of Wales, Mr Dodi Al Fayed, and M. Henri Paul in Paris in August 1997.

2. I was employed by MI6 between September 1991 and April 1995. During that time, I saw various documents that I believe would provide new evidence and new leads into the investigation into these deaths. I also heard various rumours which—though I was not able to see supporting documents—I am confident were based on solid fact.

3. In 1992, I was working in the Eastern European Controlierate of MI6 and I was peripherally involved in a large and complicated operation to smuggle advanced Soviet weaponry out of the then disintegrating and disorganised remnants of the Soviet Union. During 1992, I spent several days reading the substantial files on this operation. These files contain a wide miscellany of contact notes, telegrams, intelligence reports, photographs, etc., from which it was possible to build up a detailed understanding of the operation. The operation involved a large cast of officers and agents of MI6.

One more than one occasion, meetings between various figures in the operation took place at the Ritz Hotel, Place de Vendôme, Paris. There were in the file several intelligence reports on these meetings, which had been written by one of the MI6 officers based in Paris at the time (identified in the file only by a coded designation). The source of the information was an informant in the Ritz Hotel, who again was identified in the files only by a code number. The MI6 officer paid the informant in cash for his information.

I became curious to learn more about the identity of this particular informant, because his number cropped up several times and

he seemed to have extremely good access to the goings on in the Ritz Hotel. I therefore ordered this informant's personal file from MI6's central file registry. When I read this new file, I was not at all surprised to learn that the informant was a security officer of the Ritz Hotel. Intelligence services always target the security officers of important hotels because they have such good access to intelligence. I remember, however, being mildly surprised that the nationality of this informant was French, and this stuck in my memory because it is rare that MI6 succeeds in recruiting a French informer.

I cannot claim that I remember from this reading of the file that the name of this person was Henri Paul, but I have no doubt with the benefit of hindsight that this was he. Although I did not subsequently

come across Henri Paul again during my time in MI6, I am confident that the relationship between him and MI6 would have continued until his death, because MI6 would never willingly relinquish control over such a well-placed informant.

I am sure that the personal file of Henri Paul will therefore contain notes of meetings between him and his MI6 controlling officer, right up until the point of his death. I firmly believe that these files will contain evidence of crucial importance to the circumstances and causes of the incident that killed M. Paul together with the Princess of Wales and Dodi Al Fayed.

4. The most senior undeclared officer in the local MI6 station would normally control an informant of M. Paul's usefulness and seniority. Officers declared to the local counterintelligence service (in this case, the Directorate de Surveillance Territoire, or DST) would not be used to control such an informant, because it might lead to the identity of the informant becoming known to the local intelligence services.

In Paris at the time of M. Paul's death, there were two relatively experienced but undeclared MI6 officers. The first was Mr Nicholas John Andrew LANGMAN, born 1960. The second was Mr Richard David SPEARMAN, again born in 1960. I firmly believe that either one or both of these officers will be well acquainted with M. Paul, and most probably also met M. Paul shortly before his death. I believe that either or both of these officers will have knowledge that will be of crucial importance in establishing the sequence of events leading up to the deaths of M. Paul, Dodi Al Fayed and the Princess of Wales.

Mr Spearman in particular was an extremely well connected and influential officer because he had been, prior to his appointment in Paris, the personal secretary to the Chief of MI6, Mr David SPEDDING. As such, he would have been privy to even the most confidential of MI6 operations. I believe that there may well be significance in the fact that Mr Spearman was posted to Paris in the month immediately before the deaths.

**I was not at all surprised to learn that the informant was a security officer of the Ritz Hotel.**

**Intelligence services always target the security officers of important hotels because they have such good access to intelligence.**

# deBriefings

5. Later in 1992, as the civil war in the former Yugoslavia became increasingly topical, I started to work primarily on operations in Serbia. During this time, I became acquainted with Dr Nicholas Bernard Frank FISHWICK, born 1958, the MI6 officer who at the time was in charge of planning Balkan operations.

During one meeting with Dr Fishwick, he casually showed to me a three-page document that on closer inspection turned out to be an outline plan to assassinate the Serbian leader President Slobodan Milosevic. The plan was fully typed and attached to a yellow "minute board", signifying that this was a formal and accountable document. It will therefore still be in existence. Fishwick had annotated that the document be circulated to the following senior MI6 officers: Maurice KENDWRICK-PIERCEY, then head of Balkan operations, John RIDDE, then the security officer for Balkan operations, the SAS liaison officer to MI6 (designation MODA/SO, but I have forgotten his name), the head of the Eastern European Controllerate (then Richard FLETCHER), and finally Alan PETTY, the personal secretary to the then Chief of MI6, Colin McCOLL.

This plan contained a political justification for the assassination of Milosevic, followed by three outline proposals on how to achieve this objective. I firmly believe that the third of these scenarios contained information that could be useful in establishing the causes of death of Henri Paul, the Princess of Wales and Dodi Al Fayed. This third scenario suggested that Milosevic could be assassinated by causing his personal limousine to crash. Dr Fishwick proposed to arrange the crash in a tunnel, because the proximity of concrete close to the road would ensure that the crash would be sufficiently violent to cause death or serious injury and would also reduce the possibility that there might be independent, casual witnesses. Dr Fishwick suggested that one way to cause the crash might be to disorientate the chauffeur using a strobe flash gun, a device which is occasionally deployed by special forces to, for example, disorientate helicopter pilots or terrorists, and about which MI6 officers are briefed during their training.

In short, this scenario bore remarkable similarities to the circumstances and witness accounts of the crash that killed the Princess of Wales, Dodi Al Fayed and Henri Paul. I firmly believe that this document should be yielded by MI6 to the Judge investigating these deaths, and would provide further leads that he could follow.

6. During my service in MI6, I also learnt unofficially and second-hand something of the links between MI6 and the Royal Household. MI6 are frequently and routinely asked by the Royal Household (usually via the Foreign Office) to provide intelligence on potential threats to members of the Royal Family whilst on

overseas trips. This service would frequently extend to asking friendly intelligence services (such as the CIA) to place members of the Royal Family under discrete [*sic*] surveillance, ostensibly for their own protection. This was particularly the case for the Princess of Wales, who often insisted on doing without overt personal protection, even on overseas trips.

Although contact between MI6 and the Royal Household was officially only via the Foreign Office, I learnt while in MI6 that there was unofficial direct contact between certain senior and influential MI6 officers and senior members of the Royal Household. I did not see any official papers on this subject, but I am confident that the information is correct. I firmly believe that

MI6 documents would yield substantial leads on the nature of their links with the Royal Household, and would yield vital information about MI6 surveillance on the Princess of Wales in the days leading to her death.

**I also learnt while in MI6 that one of the "paparazzi" photographers who routinely followed the Princess of Wales was a member of "UKN", a small corps of part-time MI6 agents who provide miscellaneous services to MI6 such as surveillance and photography expertise.**

7. I also learnt while in MI6 that one of the "paparazzi" photographers who routinely followed the Princess of Wales was a member of "UKN", a small corps of part-time MI6 agents who provide miscellaneous services to MI6 such as surveillance and photography expertise. I do not know the identity of this photographer, or whether he was one of the photographers present at the time of the fatal incident. However, I am confident that examination of UKN records would yield the identity of this photographer, and would enable the inquest to eliminate or further investigate that potential line of enquiry.

8. On Friday 28 August 1998, I gave much of this information to Judge Hervé Stephan, the French investigative Judge in charge of the inquest into the accident. The lengths which MI6, the CIA and the DST have taken to deter me [from] giving this evidence and subsequently to

stop me talking about it, suggests that they have something to hide.

9. On Friday 31 July 1998, shortly before my appointment with Judge Hervé Stephan, the DST arrested me in my Paris hotel room. Although I have no record of violent conduct, I was arrested with such ferocity, and at gunpoint, that I received a broken rib. I was taken to the headquarters of the DST and interrogated for 38 hours. Despite my repeated requests, I was never given any justification for the arrest and was not shown the arrest warrant. Even though I was released without charge, the DST confiscated from me my laptop computer and Psion organiser. They illegally gave these to MI6 who took them back to the UK. They were not returned for six months, which is illegal and caused me great inconvenience and financial cost.

10. On Friday 7 August 1998, I boarded a Qantas flight at Auckland International Airport, New Zealand, for a flight to

# deBriefings

Sydney, Australia, where I was due to give a television interview to the Australian Channel Nine television company. I was in my seat, awaiting take-off, when an official boarded the plane and told me to get off. At the airbridge, he told me that the airline had received a fax "from Canberra" saying that there was a problem with my travel papers. I immediately asked to see the fax, but I was told that it was "not possible". I believe that this is because it didn't exist.

This action was a ploy to keep me in New Zealand so that the New Zealand police could take further action against me. I had been back in my Auckland hotel room for about half an hour when the New Zealand police and NZSIS, the New Zealand Secret Intelligence Service, raided me. After being detained and searched for about three hours, they eventually confiscated from me all my remaining computer equipment that the French DST had not succeeded in taking from me. Again, I didn't get some of these items back until six months later.

11. Moreover, shortly after I had given this evidence to Judge Stephan, I was invited to talk about this evidence in a live television interview on America's NBC television channel. I flew from Geneva to JFK Airport on Sunday 30 August to give the interview in New York on the following Monday morning.

Shortly after arrival at John F. Kennedy Airport, the captain of the Swissair flight told all passengers to return to their seats. Four US immigration authority officers entered the plane, came straight to my seat, asked for my passport as identity and then frogmarched me off the plane. I was taken to the immigration detention centre, photographed, fingerprinted, manacled by my ankle to a chair for seven hours, served with deportation papers (exhibit 1) and then returned on the next available plane to Geneva. I was not allowed to make any telephone calls to the representatives of NBC awaiting me in the airport. The US immigration officers—who were all openly sympathetic to my situation and apologised for treating me so badly—openly admitted that they were acting under instructions from the CIA.

12. In January of this year [1999], I booked a chalet in the village of Samoens in the French Alps for a ten-day snowboarding holiday with my parents. I picked up my parents from Geneva airport in a hire car on the evening of 8 January and set off for the French border.

At the French customs post, our car was stopped and I was detained. Four officers from the DST held me for four hours. At the end of this interview, I was served with the deportation papers below (exhibit 2)

[not reprinted here; Ed.], and ordered to return to Switzerland. Note that in the papers, my supposed destination has been changed from "Chamonix" to "Samoens". This is because when first questioned by a junior DST officer, I told him that my destination was "Chamonix". When a senior officer arrived an hour or so later, he crossed out the word and changed it to "Samoens" without ever even asking or confirming this with me. I believe this is because MI6 had told them of my true destination, having learnt the information through surveillance on my parents' telephone in the UK.

My banning from France is entirely illegal under European law. I have a British passport and am entitled to travel freely within the European Union. MI6 have "done a deal" with the DST to have me banned, and have not used any recognised legal mechanism to deny my rights to freedom of travel. I believe that the DST and MI6 have banned me from France because they wanted to prevent me from giving further evidence to Judge Stephan's

inquest, which, at the time, I was planning to do.

**I am absolutely certain that there is substantial evidence in their [MI6] files that would provide crucial evidence in establishing the exact causes of this tragedy.**

13. Whatever MI6's role in the events leading to the deaths of the Princess of Wales, Dodi Al Fayed and Henri Paul, I am absolutely certain that there is substantial evidence in their files that would provide crucial evidence in establishing the exact causes of this tragedy. I believe that they have gone to considerable lengths to obstruct the course of justice by interfering with my freedom of speech and travel, and this in my view confirms my belief that they have something to hide. I believe that the protection given to MI6 files under the Official Secrets Act should be set aside in the public interest in uncovering, once and for all, the truth behind these dramatic and historically momentous events.

(Source: <http://dianaconspiracy.homepage.com/rtaffidavit.html>)



# deBriefings

**[Editor's Note: This article refers to research studies involving animals. We wish to advise readers that we at NEXUS do not condone or support the validity, efficacy or morality of animal experimentation or vivisection.]**

## THE GREATEST "SCIENTIFIC" FLUORIDE FRAUD YET?

from Health Action Network Society, Canada

**O**n Thursday 12 October, six days after almost every major world newspaper announced the results of a scientific review reporting fluoridation of public water supplies to be a safe public health measure (*British Medical Journal* 2000;321:855–859, 7 October; www.bmj.com), shocking evidence was presented during an interview aired on Vancouver radio station CKST AM 1040. The review, undertaken by the UK National Health Service's Centre for Reviews and Dissemination at the University of York, is considered to be the "final word on fluoridation", but it might well turn out be the greatest scientific fraud ever undertaken by a centre in charge of evaluating scientific information in the interests of public health.

In an interview with Andreas Schuld, head of a global organisation of parents of children poisoned by excessive fluoride intake, evidence was presented showing that the York Review falsified vital information in its Report and deliberately misinformed the public on fluoride's adverse health effects. The interview was conducted by Croft Woodruff, host of one of Canada's longest-running health radio talk shows, past president of the Canadian Health Food Association and founding member of the 25,000-member Canadian Health Action Network Society (HANS).

Schuld arrived for the interview with the York Report and numerous studies which had supposedly been reviewed in depth by the esteemed centre. He briefly recounted how the York Centre had changed the wording in the study protocol to avoid inclusion of specific information on fluoride and thyroid effects as well as data concerning the high amounts of fluoride in tea—an issue of obvious concern for the people in the UK.

Schuld's group had supplied the York team with evidence showing that symptoms described in the literature on fluoride's adverse health effects were identical to those observed in thyroid dysfunction, and that the condition known as "dental fluorosis"—now proclaimed by the York Review to be merely an issue of "aesthetic concern"—was actually to be seen as a direct result of fluoride-induced iodine deficiency during the time of enamel formation. The field of dentistry claims that the biochemical factors leading to the enamel defects observed in dental fluorosis are still unknown.

Schuld then cited specific examples of how the York Review had falsified results.

First on the agenda was the issue of thyroid cancer. Schuld read an excerpt from the York Report which claims that no asso-

ciation was found between thyroid cancer and fluoridated water supplies in a study conducted in Britain. Schuld then asked Woodruff to read from the actual data of the study. It showed an increase of 18 per cent in observed thyroid cancers in the fluoridated areas when compared to non-fluoridated areas. "No association?" Schuld asked, and then proceeded to read from newspaper articles from China, where entire villages are being relocated due to fluoride contamination and where fluoride is being openly acknowledged as the cause of thyroid cancer, Kaschin-Beck disease and iodine deficiency.

Next, Schuld presented a paper which had investigated whether fluoridation had a protective effect on slipped epiphysis, one of the most common hip disorders observed in older children and adolescents. Schuld said that this paper was especially close to his heart, as the condition has been strongly linked to hypothyroidism since the 1920s. Schuld added that this was acknowledged by the study authors themselves, who had provided more than 16 references in the paper's first paragraph. The York team, which had been informed of fluoride's effects on thyroid hormones, should have woken up here, Schuld said.

Schuld then read excerpts from the York Report which had found "the direction of association to be positive (a protective effect) in girls and negative (increased risk) in boys", but that neither of these was statistically significant. Schuld again asked Woodruff to look at the actual data in the paper. Woodruff saw an 18 per cent increase of the disease in males in fluoridated areas. "Would you consider an 18 per cent increase here *significant*?" Schuld asked Woodruff, who at this time joined Schuld in declaring the Review a total scientific fraud and called it an example of severe and gross scientific misconduct.

Schuld then read further excerpts from the paper in question, citing how the authors of the study had found that more cases had come from rural areas and that "in general, the rural areas had higher fluoride levels than suburban or urban regions". "In other words, the higher the fluoride levels, the more slipped epiphysis," said Schuld. "Another obvious sign showing the anti-thyroid activity of fluoride."

Schuld ridiculed the York claim that fluoridation showed protective effects in girls. "It is known that the disease almost *never* occurs in girls once menses has begun," exclaimed Schuld.

Schuld emphasised the issue of delayed eruption of teeth, explaining how it has been established since the 1930s that thyroid hormones control tooth eruption. He then read from the York Report: "It has been suggested that fluoridation may delay the eruption of teeth, and thus caries incidence could be delayed as teeth would be exposed to decay for a shorter period of time. Only one study compared the number of erupted teeth per child. The difference was very small and in opposite directions in the two age-groups examined."

**... evidence was presented showing that the York Review falsified vital information in its Report and deliberately misinformed the public on fluoride's adverse health effects.**

# deBriefings

"This is total fraud," Schuld said. "I have 50 papers right here, showing the delayed eruption of teeth in fluoridated areas, including the Newburgh-Kingston data and the papers by Kunzel which were included in the York Review and which they supposedly reviewed. The very same data which they use to prove fluoride's benefits shows this delayed eruption. There are even papers included here which explain how fluorosis gets more severe the later a tooth erupts! Delayed eruption is the single most important factor to consider in evaluating data on fluoridation," explained Schuld. "This delay will produce a delay in the onset of caries which is then interpreted as a benefit. There is no benefit. Caries onset is just delayed. Delayed eruption occurs because you have made the child hypothyroid."

Schuld then reported on studies done in the 1930s by Floyd DeEds, which reported clear results that dental fluorosis is a sign of thyroid dysfunction. According to Schuld, any anti-thyroid administered during the time of enamel formation will produce the effects seen in dental fluorosis, again citing DeEds and his work which showed how cadmium also causes mottled teeth.

Woodruff read from two separate studies by German dental researcher Kunzel (who is represented with four papers in the York Report), which showed how caries occurrence had dropped sharply after the cessation of water fluoridation. The studies were done in Cuba as well as in East Germany, where children enjoyed the greatest caries reduction in 40 years after the practice of fluoridation was halted. "Data from these cities are also in the York Report," said Schuld, "but this time misinterpreted to show a fluoridation benefit! This is an outrageous fraud. Fluorides actually *cause* cavities. There are countless papers—some of them, again, also found in the York Report—which clearly state that the dental defects seen in fluorosis predispose to caries. Is this also a cosmetic concern only?"

Schuld explained how hyperthyroidism, caused after iodine was added to public water supplies in the early 1920s, led to the use of fluorides as anti-thyroid medication. He also explained the biochemical activity of fluoride as a mimic of TSH (thyroid-stimulating-hormone) on G-protein activation—molecular on/off switches by which all thyroid hormone activity is regulated.

"Fluorides are the worst endocrine disruptor imaginable," he said. "What was once known as the fluoride-iodine antagonism can now be explained in detail by thousands of papers showing the fluoride power on G-protein activation. While the experts claim that the amounts of fluorides used in G-protein investigations are a thousand times higher than those found in the human organism, experiments with rats clearly show that the amounts required to cause thyroid disturbance are identical to the levels which have been identified to cause dental fluorosis."

Schuld talked briefly about the findings of Professor Anna Strunecka in Prague, that aluminium fluoride compounds can effect all the pathological hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease. Woodruff added the disturbing news that this disease is now observed in 30- to 40-year-olds. Schuld further spoke about his group's research into autism after parents reported great improve-

ments in their children's conditions once fluorides were eliminated from the diet; there was a strong association with a group of G proteins, Gq/11, which are also highly implicated in Alzheimer's disease, Down's syndrome and thyroid dysfunction.

Schuld then spoke about his group's efforts to help the children of Sosnivka, Ukraine, where mothers of 3,000 sick children have been trying for five years to get their children's ill health properly addressed by the authorities after fluorides suddenly showed up in the water supplies. Other appeals for help have also been received from regions in Pakistan, where similar industrial contamination is occurring. Schuld said UNICEF has now identified more than 25 countries where fluorides pose a great health concern. Conservative estimates by UNICEF of the people affected number in the tens of millions. Woodruff commented on the severe fluorosis observed in regions of China due to breathing airborne fluoride.

**Woodruff read from two separate studies by German dental researcher Kunzel ... which showed how caries occurrence had dropped sharply after the cessation of water fluoridation.**

"Health care providers in those areas need to be properly informed as how to deal with the effects of this fluoride poisoning," said Schuld. "This is an urgent global concern. That the York Review and the *British Medical Journal* have issued press releases worldwide saying fluorides are safe, while these people are suffering incredibly, is simply a crime." He added that a third of the world's population is suffering from iodine deficiency in areas which are identical to endemic fluorosis areas.

Schuld further commented: "Here we have the York Review and its lead researchers running around telling the public that people in fluoridated areas would not be consuming more than 4 mg a day from all sources, while our September analysis of the top-selling tea brands in the UK has shown fluoride content up to 11 mg per litre in tea prepared from one teabag alone."

Meanwhile, any studies showing adverse health effects from areas with levels above 5 ppm in the water were excluded from the Review.

"We urge the people in the UK to ask for an immediate public inquiry into the scientific misconduct clearly prevalent at the York centre," he said.

Woodruff and Schuld urged the listeners to spread this information to as many people as possible, and dedicated the program to the memory of mutual friend Dr John Yiamouyiannis, who suddenly passed away on Sunday 8 October. Woodruff said that Yiamouyiannis will be remembered as one of the most brilliant scientists of the past century.

## **Contact Details:**

- Health Action Network Society (HANS), #202-5262 Rumble Street, Burnaby, BC, Canada V5J 2B6, tel +1 (604) 435 0512, 1-888 432 4267 (toll free), fax +1 (605) 435 1561, e-mail [hans@hans.org](mailto:hans@hans.org). The transcript of the interview can be obtained from HANS.
- Parents of Fluoride-Poisoned Children (PFPC), 78 Malta Place, Vancouver, BC, Canada V5M 4C4, e-mail [pfpc@istar.ca](mailto:pfpc@istar.ca). PFPC reference sets can be obtained via [www.bruha.com/fluoride/html/references.html](http://www.bruha.com/fluoride/html/references.html).

(Source: Health Action Network Society, 15 October 2000, e-mail [hans@hans.org](mailto:hans@hans.org))